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MODERNISATION OF HAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has proposed for major expansion and modernisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): In view of the number of new programmes being undertaken by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), such as production of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), licence manufacture of Su 30 MKI and development and production of Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) HAL has felt the need for upgradation of technologies to match the technologies required for the development and manufacture of the above products. For this purpose, the existing facilities are being augmented and modernised. Some of the facilities proposed for modernisation include latest technology machines for production of castings and forgings, profilers, sheet metal forming machines, facilities for manufacture of composite structures, vacuum welding facilities, and so on.

At present, there is no plan for further expansion in the man-power strength. Although man-power strength is likely to be maintained at the present levels, there will be sales growth through increase in productivity and outsourcing. Modernisation of facilities would enable the products of HAL in becoming globally competitive besides increasing its export potential.